allocation of funds are made under the scheme. Year-wise expenditure incurred is given as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crores)
1995-96	441.21
1996-97	800.00
1997-98	1070.38
1998-99	1600.15

(b) and (c) The scheme envisaged the serving of cooked meals to childerdn of primary classis Howerer at prisent only Gujarat Kerala MadhyuaPradesh (174 tribal blocks) Orissa Tamil Nadu and pondicherryare serving a cooed meal while other States./ UTs are distributing foodgrains/

An indeendent agency recently eevaluated the scheme I ten States and its findigts state that in Assam Madhy Pradesh Uattar Pradesh and West Bengal there has been a boost to enrolment In Gujarat Haryana Jammu & Kashmir Karnataka Orissa and Rjasthan the progamme has made positive impact on attendance and retention While the pace of implementation of the programme is sati\sfactoru in some State efforts are on to improve the programme in other States in consultation with the respective State Gpverm,emts.

Assistance to Orissa for Recruitment of Hindi Teachers

238 SHRIRAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of assistance etc being given by the Centre to Orissa for recruitment of Hindi Teacher

(b) the numner of vcant posats of Hindi Teacher sunder the scheme in Orissa district wise as o0n 31st January 2000 and

(c) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken to fill up the said vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PAUL): (a) to (c) During the current financial year, no grant has been released to the Government of Orissa under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Appointment and Training of Hindi Teachers in non-Hindi speaking States/UTs as the State Government has not sent any proposal on the subject. Central assistance is given to the States/UTs on receipt of a proposal intimating the creation of posts of Hindi teachers as per the vacancies determined by the State/UT concerned. Central assistance is released to the State/UT keeping in view their actual requirement and subject to availability of funds under the scheme.

New Kendriya Vidyalayas

239. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the current year;

(b) if so, whether any new school has been sanctioned for Kerala also; and

(c) what steps have been taken for improvement of Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) Five Kendriya Vidyalayas have been opened in Civil /Defence Sector in lieu of five closed/merged Vidyalayas. Besides, three Kendriya Vidyalayas have been opened in Projects/ Institutes of Higher Learning. Of these, one Kendriya Vidyalaya has been sanctioned at NTPC Kayakulam (Kerala).

(c) Necessary steps are being taken to ensure overall improvement in the functioning of Kendriya Vidyalayas.